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TEARING DOWN THE HOUSE Anti-capitalists protest growing consumerism by refusing to go shopping on one day of the year. Others just eat paper bags. PHOTO/ILLUSTRATION: SCOTT FERNINGS

Waste-conscious ECOS promotes shopping boycott

CHLOE PEDRO
Deputy News Editor

Under the direction of Environmental Coordination Office of Students (ECOS), "Buy Nothing Day," the movement to reduce consumerism by avoiding making any purchases for one full day, will be turned into a week-long affair on campus.

Carrie Nugent, associate director of ECOS, explained that Buy Nothing Day—celebrated in Canada on the last Friday in November—is about more than just steering clear of spending for one day of the year, but about creating a new lifestyle that's less dependent on

consumerism.

"I don't think we really realize how much we are spending on a day-to-day basis, and so when you consciously make an effort to not buy something for one whole day, you really realize how much a part of your life it is, and how much of a habit consumption really is," Nugent said.

Buy Nothing Day, founded by Vancouver artist Ted Dave in 1992, is an informal day of protest manifest in a concentrated display of anti-consumerism, and is promoted by the Canadian Adbusters magazine. The movement has spread to include over 55 nations, including European countries that

partake in the shopping boycott on the last Saturday of November.

This week, ECOS will be running a free store, an outlet of goods up for grabs for anyone who has a use for them. The store will be open from 10am–3pm and will be located in different areas on campus to reach as many students as possible: in the Central Academic Building today, the Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex on Wednesday, the Students' Union Building on Thursday and the Tory/Business Atrium on Friday.

"The free store isn't just about people taking things, it's also about swapping things and making people realize there

are alternatives to buying brand new consumer goods," Nugent said.

Items ranging from clothes, books, CDs and random odds and ends that would otherwise end up in the garbage can be picked up by anyone who finds them useful.

ECOS will also be promoting the Freecycle Network, a web-based non-profit organization of people who aim to recycle items that have outgrown any use to their owner.

"Freecycle is a Buy Nothing Day every day of the year," said James Dobbie, director of media and community outreach of Freecycle.

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U of A ranked third for life science research environment

NATALIE CLIMENHAGA
News Staff

As the U of A bumps up its research profile on the international stage, life scientists can be found hard at work across campus carrying out research, and according to a recent web-based survey, they're happy doing it.

For the third annual "Best Places to Work in Academia" survey, American life science news journal *The Scientist* asked their tenured or tenure-track life scientist readers to rate their work

environment according to 41 criteria in eight different areas.

Based on the responses from 240 U of A researchers, the U of A came in third out of 44 institutions in the non-US world, with first place going to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, and second place to the University of Toronto.

And while *The Scientist* staff Maria W Anderson admitted the web-based survey may not be statistically foolproof, she thinks life scientists—non-clinical scientists who deal with living

organisms—can still benefit from reading its results.

"People are always interested in figuring out how their workplace stacks up against other workplaces," Anderson said.

Survey questions indicated that how well staff related to their peers, research resources available, and opportunities for career advancement are some of the main factors that determine an individual's satisfaction with their work environment.

The top three finishing of two

Canadian institutions didn't surprise Anderson, as more and more American researchers look to Canada as a viable centre for high-quality research.

"Researchers in the US are finding [Canada to be] an attractive place to move to do research," Anderson said.

The associate chair of research in the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr Frank E Nargang, credits Alberta's prosperity for making the U of A a frontrunner in the world of life science research.

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Canada, US not so different: Cellucci

MEGHAN POTKINS
News Staff

Despite a few bumps in the road, Canada and the US share a special relationship, according to former US ambassador to Canada Paul Cellucci. Cellucci was at the Royal Alberta Museum this Saturday to deliver a talk on his book *Unquiet Diplomacy* as part of the Audrey's Books speakers series.

Cellucci's book is part memoir and part account of his time as US ambassador to Canada. His term spanned over a four-year period, beginning in April 2001, and survived several hot-button issues including 11 September, the 2002 friendly fire incident that claimed the lives of four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan and Canada's decisions not to go to war in Iraq or to participate in the US missile defence program.

"There's a bigger difference between Massachusetts and Mississippi and between Alberta and Québec than there is between Canada and the United States."

PAUL CELLUCCI

Cellucci, a Republican and former governor of Massachusetts, spoke candidly on many controversial issues, but returned repeatedly to his message that the Canada-US relationship remains a special one.

"We hear a lot about the disputes, particularly softwood lumber," he said. "So much goes well and you never read about it; you just read about the things that are in dispute, and I think it distorts the image of the relationship."

Cellucci addressed criticisms that Canada and the US are on diverging paths demonstrated by differing national positions on the United Nations and compliance with other similar multilateral agreements.

"I'm not one that believes that our countries are drifting apart. I believe that there are more differences within the countries than between the countries," said Cellucci. "There's a bigger difference between Massachusetts and Mississippi than between Alberta and Québec than there is between Canada and the United States."

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Two for arguing

Golden Bears basketball head coach Don Horwood has picked up a two-game suspension from Canada West.

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The Boy Who Lived returns to battle dragons, mermaids, Lord Voldemort and the all-evil slow waltz.

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CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Compiled by Amanda Ash

ATTACKING FOR CARDIO

On Monday, 14 November, a male bicyclist was stopped for violating the Traffic Safety Act near the Saville Centre. Security members identified the wrongdoer when—in a fit of rage—he tried to assault one of the constables. Edmonton Police Services was called to the scene and the belligerent male was promptly turned over to them and charged with obstruction of justice and assaulting a peace officer. The red-faced criminal had no University affiliation.

DRUNKEN WANDERER

On Monday, 14 November, an intoxicated female was observed stumbling around the LRT station. The 5-0 recognized the 24-year-old inebriated loiterer as being a previous trespasser with a criminal history of violence and property-related offences. The drunk was issued yet another summons for trespassing and promptly escorted to a detox facility.

DID I JUST SEE YOUR GUN?

On Tuesday, 15 November, Campus 5-0 members were notified of a male pointing a handgun outside of a vehicle. The suspicious incident took place near 89 Ave and 112 Street, and EPS was called to investigate.

ALLESS NOT LEARNED

On Tuesday, 15 November, a male perp, who had recently completed some prison time for prior University thefts and break-ins, was caught red-handed once again. The foolish criminal had been out of jail for a mere week when he was found carrying a stolen laptop. Campus Security members apprehended the man, charging him with trespassing and possession of stolen property over \$5000.

PLAYING WITHICE

On Tuesday, 15 November, Campus 5-0 was notified of a small explosion that occurred outside of the Arts building. The detonation took place in a garbage can, which was smoking profusely when constables arrived on the scene. It was determined that some unknown ho-ligan placed dry ice in a pop bottle and discretely stuck it in the waste receptacle. Anyone with information regarding this mischief is asked to contact Campus

Security Services at 492-5525.

INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING

On Tuesday, 15 November around 9pm, a vehicle parked at the Saville Centre was damaged and rummaged through by a group of unknown deviants. The owner returned to his vehicle to discover the side window broken and the glove compartment looted.

CAN'T YOU READ THE SIGN?

On Wednesday, 16 November, Campus 5-0 stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign near 114 Street. The disobedient driver was found to have an expired driver's license and no insurance for his vehicle. He was issued several provincial notices relating to his irresponsible driving, and patrol members seized the vehicle's plate and had the vehicle towed.

FASHIONABLE ENTRANCE

On Thursday, 17 November, a suspicious male gained access to an unlocked office on the second floor of the Dentistry and Pharmacy building. A staff member noticed the strange lurker and kindly asked him to leave the premises. The stranger turned out to be not so friendly and proceeded to become verbally abusive in response to the request. The loose-lipped jerk is described as being

in his late 20s, clean-shaven and well dressed, wearing a grey sweater, and he was pulling a suitcase behind him.

POT-MOBILE

On Saturday, 19 November, the 5-0 noticed a vehicle travelling on the wrong side of the road near 89 Ave and 113 Street. After stopping the vehicle, constables detected a questionable odour wafting through the car window and discovered that the driver had been smoking a fatty prior to his driving adventure. Constables recovered a small amount of marijuana and a range of drug paraphernalia from the vehicle and then proceeded to issue the driver a 24-hour suspension before towing his car. The bad driver had no University affiliation.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA?

On Sunday, 20 November, Campus 5-0 constables were patrolling 112 Street when they were confronted with an odd sight: a man, wearing nothing but his hospital gown, was puffing on a marijuana cigarette while dragging his IV apparatus along the sidewalk. The man was not charged for his illegal and unusual smoking break, but was escorted back inside the hospital. The pothead had no University affiliation.

STREETERS

Since 1992, the last Friday in November has been celebrated in Canada as an informal protest against consumerism and promoted as a day to avoid shopping altogether.

What do you think of Buy Nothing Day, and do you plan to participate?



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Science I



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Paul McWilliams
Arts II

I think it's a great concept, but it's almost impossible, because our world just revolves around consumerism. I try to support it as much as I can, but ultimately, it will never have an effect on a national, or even a university level. How many people buy lunch here every day? (I'll participate) if I remember about it.

I haven't really heard of it. Right after Halloween people buy a lot of stuff for Christmas, so I agree with that, because I'm not a big buyer in general.

I've got no opinion on it. I haven't heard of it. It sounds pretty lame, because our economy is based on buying stuff, isn't it? So why would you want to buy nothing? But I'll probably participate in it without knowing.

If there's not thousands of you all over campus, it's not going to make any difference, so there's no point in trying. I don't think it's going to make a difference in the big, bad world of consumerism. And I don't think it is a big, bad world, because consumerism gives me everything I need... I don't believe in it. I do think there are evils to consumerism, but you can't say, just because something isn't perfect, that you shouldn't do it.

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Research helps premature babies breathe

NICOLE TOMLINSON
News Staff

Research by U of A neonatologist Bernard Thébaud and his cardiovascular biology group may one day help premature babies breathe easier by significantly reducing damage to their fragile lungs.

Thébaud's team administered vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), a protein that drives lung blood vessel growth, directly to newborn rat lung cells using an adenovirus. The VGF prevented the onset of symptoms characteristic of bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) in the animals, and also helped repair damage caused by the disease.

BPD, a chronic disease that develops in premature babies, is characterized by abnormal lung development. BPD can cause inflammation and scarring of the lung tissues, and may also contribute to the onset of disease later in life, such as emphysema and lung hypertension.

"BPD is one of the major problems that we have with premature babies born between 24 and 28 weeks after conception; up to 80 per cent of them can develop this disease due to an arrest in lung growth, more specifically an arrest in the growth of the air sacs where gas exchange takes place," Thébaud explained.

Currently, there is no clinical treatment for BPD. Neonatologists, like Thébaud, administer artificial surfactant, a substance that opens closed air sacs in the lungs of premature babies, and then mechanically administer oxygen essential for their survival. However, this method tends to damage the newborn's underdeveloped lungs, causing BPD.

"When a baby is born up to 16 weeks before normal term, they lose time when their lungs are still



OH, BABY! Bernard Thébaud discusses his research to help premature babies.

supposed to develop in utero, protected: they are basically born at a time where lung development is only halfway, and then we have to mechanically ventilate those babies to help them live and give them oxygen. These treatments keep them alive, but at the same time damage the lung to some extent," Thébaud said.

Frustrated parents and clinicians are forced to sit by idly for up to the first two months of the premature baby's life, Thébaud said, and when the mechanical supply is finally removed, the physicians can assess the damage the treatment has caused to their tiny lungs.

Thébaud explained that his findings represent a proof that VGF, or a substance similar to it, could one day be administered in a clinical setting, using a synthetic carrier. Once inhaled and integrated into the cells of the lungs, this substance could act to prevent the onset of BPD, and also repair damages caused by mechanical oxygen

treatment after the baby has been taken off of it.

"Premature babies are incubated at birth, and then they get surfactant into the lungs. It would be great to be able to also give them another factor that will protect the lungs or help the lungs to grow," Thébaud said.

The study showed that rats receiving VGF—preventatively or after incubation—caused the growth of new blood vessels in the lungs and corrected the large air sacs to a more normal size, and Thébaud said this would hopefully carry over to human patients.

"We're looking for the prevention of BPD, the next breakthrough in neonatology. For babies that were born in 1967, [birth] 34 weeks after conception was the viable limit for premature newborns.

"Now, we have survival at 24 weeks. The goal is, through a combination of treatments, to keep this good number but make it morbidity-free."

Canada, US must work together: Cellucci

CELLUCCI • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

As ambassador to Canada, Cellucci was often characterized as being an outspoken critic of Canadian policies, particularly in regards to security in the time following 11 September, 2001.

"The only specific instruction I received from Secretary of State Colin Powell before I came to Canada... was, 'You have to get Canada to spend more on defence,'" said Cellucci.

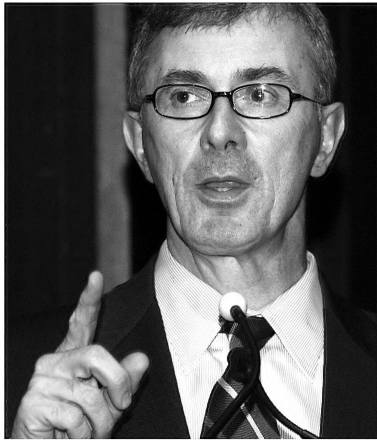
Cellucci characterized both Canada's failure to join the US in the missile defence program and Iraq as "a disappointment".

Cellucci returned to the issue of Iraq and acknowledged the current context of increased American disapproval of the war and the Bush administration. He pointed to a recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll indicates that only 35 per cent of those surveyed supported the Bush administration's handling of the conflict, and 54 per cent of respondents said the invasion was a mistake.

"We went into Iraq because the President of the United States had the intelligence, which now everyone knows has not been borne out," said Cellucci.

"But it was pretty strong then, both our intelligence, and British intelligence and resolution after resolution passed by the UN telling Saddam Hussein to get rid of these weapons of mass destruction. Everything seems clearer when you look back than the world was at the time."

In the end, Cellucci maintained that the Canada-US relationship remains a strong one, and necessarily so.



UNQUIET EX-AMBASSADOR Paul Cellucci still has lots to say about Canada.

"We have this huge trading relationship. The fact of the matter is, we do \$500 billion per year; it's the largest trading relationship in the world," said Cellucci.

"The ties are too deep, they're too longstanding, we're too interconnected and dependent on each other to do anything but work together, and that's what we are doing, that's what

we have done and I believe that's what we will continue to do."

Cellucci spoke broadly during the talk and addressed questions from audience members afterwards, at one point fielding a question regarding the next Presidential election in 2008.

"I will not be running for President, I can tell you that," he replied with a chuckle.

Pre Grand Opening Charity Event featuring Jesse Metcalfe from "Desperate Housewives"



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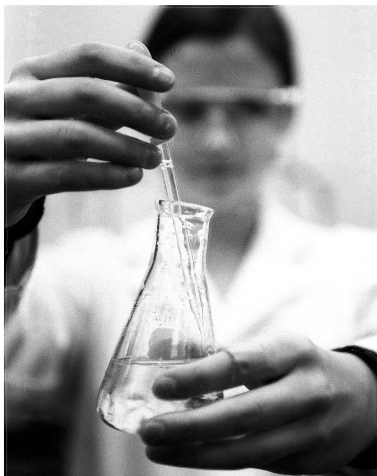
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DENNY FROEMER

MIRACLE CURE Researchers create a higher profile for the U of A campus.

U of A has research climate

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"It's kind of a chicken and egg story; you need good people to get good research facilities and money, on the other hand you need the facilities and money before you get people," said Nargang.

"And once you get good people, then more good people come and it sort of snowballs."

Mathieu Johnson, Vice-President (Academic) of the Students' Union, wasn't at all shocked by the positive responses coming from U of A staff, noting a "collegial atmosphere" on campus.

However, according to Johnson, there is a valid concern of whether or not the focus on research takes away from undergraduates, but as of yet he doesn't think research has seriously

hurt undergraduate students.

"The idea of a zero sum game, where you can't gain in your undergraduate from having high profile research, doesn't apply," Johnson said.

"A research profile definitely does increase the reputation of a university in the public eye, and the reputation of the university affects the reputation of your degree."

Both Nargang and Johnson highlighted the trickle-down benefits a strong research environment brings for undergraduate and graduate students.

"I believe that the best researchers are the best teachers," Nargang remarked.

"An undergraduate learning experience should be one of inquiry and discovery, and not just of textbook content," Johnson added.

MINI NEWS

Compiled by Chloé Fedio and Jake Troughton

ALBERTA SHARING THE WEALTH

As part of his three-city Canadian tour to discuss Alberta's booming economy, Premier Ralph Klein stopped in Ottawa yesterday to announce that the province will be doling out cash to students across Canada in an effort to redistribute the surplus of energy benefits.

The \$20 million endowment fund will provide \$2005 scholarships each year to about 325 students. The scholarships will be divided evenly between all provinces and territories, including Alberta, and can be used by students to attend any postsecondary institution or apprenticeship program in Canada.

Each province and territory will nominate 25 recipients, and Klein hopes the scholarships go to students who need financial help to achieve their educational goals. He also unveiled a gift to the National Gallery of Canada, a painting by Alberta artist Joane Cardinal-Schubert titled "Song of my Dream Bed Dance."

"The new scholarship and the magnificent work of Alberta art are small but enduring ways for Alberta, in its centennial year, to thank fellow Canadians for their incredible support over the last century," Klein said in a news release.

He will also visit Québec City and Halifax.

PROVINCE FUNDS BAY BUILDING

As expected, the Alberta government has committed \$15 million towards the U of A's purchase of the Hudson's Bay Building, which will be the new home of the University's research commercialization efforts, including the Research Transition Facility and TEC Edmonton.

The funding was part of the Advanced Education Ministry's supplementary estimates tabled in the Legislature last week. All three levels of government, as well as the University, have committed funds toward the purchase. The City of Edmonton and the University have each kicked in \$12.5 million.

"The Province's investment will greatly help accelerate our technology commercialization activities," said U of A President Indra Samarasekera. "Development of a new research transition facility in the Bay Building advances the University's long-term plan to bring new ideas and discoveries to the community and throughout the province."

MUSICAL MARATHON HITS CAMPUS

It's not uncommon for students to stay up all night studying for a string of upcoming exams, but to listen to a 24-hour long symphony?

Paul Steenhuisen, assistant professor of music at the U of A, engaged an audience of students to listen to Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony that has been stretched to last a whole day. The piece, g8estStretch, was distorted by

Norwegian conceptual artist Leif Inge, and is now 21 times its original duration.

"Part of the reason I was interested in doing this was to see how bad it would sound, because stretching anything 21 times turns into a big mess," Steenhuisen said. "But this actually works. It sounds great."

He explained that this "listening experience" could relate to students who have used similar software to make their own electronic music. The 24-hour concert, taking place in Studio 27 of the Fine Arts Building, began yesterday at 2pm and will run until 2pm today.

SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK

This week, the U of A Student Distress Centre (SDC) is holding its annual Suicide Awareness Week in an effort to bring the taboo topic into the open.

SDC will have a booth in SUB and give classroom presentations as part of the campaign, and they hope to spread the word that there is help available for those considering suicide.

"The main intent of the week is to let the community know about what they can do and where they can go if they are thinking about suicide or if they know someone else who is thinking about suicide," said SDC Director Johanna Comartin.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among ten- to 24-year-olds, and Alberta has the highest suicide rate among Canadian provinces.

Freecycle gives goods without payment

BUY NOTHING • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The online network was born in Tucson, Arizona in May of 2003, and the Edmonton chapter opened up about year later in October 2004. Since its inception, the Edmonton Freecycle community has grown to include almost 5700 people who post items they no longer want on the website.

"You're not going to Freecycle something like some leftover lasagna in the fridge from three months ago," Dobbie said, adding that a member's first few posts go through a moderator to make sure the items are readable for people of all ages and not offensive.

The website can also be used to request specific items, and there's only

one constraint: everything must be free.

"This weird shopping thing has been ingrained in our culture... It's the new comfort food, almost."

CARRIE NUGENT,
ECOS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dobbie mentioned that this type of service can be especially useful to students when they are in transition of moving into their own place for the

first time, or when moving out, ultimately to avoid waste. Nugent agreed, pointing out that recycling goods can help solve a growing social problem.

"This weird shopping thing has been ingrained in our culture. Not only is it a social bond maker, but it's become a habit. It's the new comfort food, almost," Nugent said.

"It's what you do when you're stressed out, or you're sad, or you're anxious—you go shopping to relieve the stress, and that's not necessarily a great thing. Shopping shouldn't be a habit and it shouldn't be something that we use to create social bonds, because it's very damaging to the environment."

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Televised Address

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Sony BMG music: same great price, now with fewer features

OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, there's been a lot of noise about Sony BMG's rather underhanded insertion of copy-protection code into its major CD releases. For those who haven't heard, Sony inserted a program onto all of its recent musical releases that would secretly install onto any Windows-based PC when played.

The program, which was, for all intents and purposes, a piece of spyware similar to the kind that would be installed after downloading a questionable program from the Internet, prevented multiple copies of Sony-released CDs from being burnt by the user. It also prevented the songs from being converted into any other format other than those prescribed by Sony. This made it so that any digital music player that couldn't read the WMA format, such as Apple's iPod, couldn't play the songs from the CD.

This, of course, would have been a touch sketchy even if there weren't unforeseen side effects; however, because of its inept programming, the spyware was also a playground for virus writers and hackers, and has been the foundation of several new pieces of malware.

Sony was thankfully taken to task for this by a slew of citizen journalists in the blogosphere. The outrage of a critical mass of normal people coming together and blogging about what Sony had done was enough to not only get Sony to stop selling the tainted discs, but to get general public opinion turned against Sony thoroughly enough that it will be difficult for any other company to try something similar in the near future.

However, the problem I have with what happened wasn't the damage done to consumers' computers, or to affected musicians' reputations; it was the larger issue of Sony's intention. Sony wasn't inserting the spyware onto its CDs to stop peer-to-peer file sharing or some other type of Internet piracy, it was to stop simple person-to-person CD copying, the kind of copying that had been around since the advent of the cassette tape.

Now, it's rather clichéd to say that a large corporation is trying to sell an already overpriced product for the same price after reducing its overall value, but that is exactly what Sony did here. This wasn't an attempted elimination of the file-sharing "threat" to the industry that the music business has been harping about since the days of Napster. This was, pure and simple, Sony trying to make its products less useful to the people that they sell them to and then acting like nothing had changed.

What bothers me the most about this isn't the diminishing privacy of the customer, the half-assed way that Sony implemented its technology, or the implication that even people purchasing music are criminals—though none of those are good things—but the fact that Sony tried to sell their product with an added kick in the junk, and then implied that we'd gotten everything we paid for.

DANIEL KASZOR
Editor-in-Chief

New Buddha beats Jesus to the punch?

IN A FOREST OF SOUTHERN NEPAL, a young boy has been found who, it's claimed, has been in a state of deep meditation for over six months. Revered by some as a new Buddha, the boy, named Ram Bompin, had apparently not risen during this time to eat, drink or excrete.

Despite the implausibility of this claim, it's not without historical precedent. It's believed that the last Buddha meditated for 49 days before achieving enlightenment, and that Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

But the similarities don't end there. Both Jesus and the Buddha were expected to return. This Buddha seems to be early, and unless you bought into David Koresh, Jesus is most definitely late.

Buddhist sentiment is surging through the country, proving that coming early isn't always a bad thing.

TIM PEPPIN
Opinion Editor

LETTERS

Patrick Ross needs to do some research before writing

First let me compliment Patrick Ross on the one good thing in his article—the photograph (Re: "This town ain't big enough—Vue meets See at high noon," 17 November!).

However, don't believe that just because you have a pretty picture, you also have a good story. In fact, this story lacks foresight and depth, and merely glosses over the most important aspects of the issue being discussed. By simply concentrating on the surface similarities and petty rivalry, Mr. Ross, you have completely disregarded the larger picture of the struggles of independent media in Canada, except to belittle it in the final paragraph.

Whether this was done on purpose to ensure that your views about the possible local impact were made clear on the subject, or simply display a lack of understanding regarding the scope of this story, I don't know. The fact, however, that you state, "The only significant difference between them is that Vue carries Bob the Angry Flower, and See carries *The Dancing Bug*," tells me that your opinion may be less than informed when it comes to the issues of Canadian-owned national media in the international marketplace, and the laws designed to protect them.

Far from being an "underhanded tactic to finally shut down See once and for all," this lawsuit is, in my opinion, a commendable act of defiance in the face of a large multi-national corporation, that is pretending to be a small Canadian alternative weekly, getting Canadian grant money, Canadian tax breaks and Canadian advertisements, all the while pumping in American stories and content! Who should we say is "underhanded" in this case?

Before you make judgments on this situation, based mostly on the cartoons that each paper carries, you may want to do a bit more research. Possibly start by learning Vue's own account of the history of the struggle by visiting www.vue-weekly.com/history.

To do otherwise would be like forming an opinion of your article based simply on the great image that supported it, and just as foolish.

MIKE SMITH
Edmonton, Alberta

Tse's arguments go up in smoke

I am a professor of medicine and hold an endowed chair in tobacco harm reduction research at the University of Louisville. As a recipient of university-based financial support from the United States Smokeless Tobacco Company for over six years, I would like to comment on Iris Tse's condemnation of the University's decision to accept USSTC grant support (Re: Where there's smoke, there's the questionable funding," 15 November).

Tse's "quick search of available scientific journals," apparently left gaps in her knowledge about tobacco risk. Britain's Royal College of Physicians,



one of the world's most prestigious medical societies, issued a report stating that "smokeless tobacco is on the order of 10-1000 times less hazardous than smoking, depending on the product." The report continued with a bolder statement that smokeless tobacco (SLT) manufacturers might market their products "as a 'harm reduction' option for nicotine users, and they may find support for that in the public health community."

Apparently Tse's "quick search" did not find a US National Cancer Institute-funded study (Tse and others will be happy with that source) reporting that "[SLT] products pose a substantially lower risk to the user than do conventional cigarettes. This finding raises ethical questions concerning whether it is inappropriate and misleading for government officials or public health experts to characterize [SLT] products as comparably dangerous with cigarette smoking."

Tse writes that "universities have no business accepting research grants from an industry that has for decades distorted and manipulated research about the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke." Her remark is misinformed. USSTC manufactures only SLT; their products eliminate the "dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke."

Tse's rejection of funding she finds distasteful, a tactic favored by activists aggressively pursuing social agendas, places the independence of university faculty and research programs at risk. Tse already has a list of three companies she dislikes: USSTC, de Beers and Coca Cola. Next in line are activists who see the devil's work at big oil producers, alcohol manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies making birth control medications and food companies (obesity, the next crusade). I hope Tse completes her immunology degree before the universal rights activists condemn the university for conducting research on animals—and accepting research support from any company that does.

Faculty members at your institution are currently free to pursue research regarding all legitimate subjects, and pursue research funding from all legitimate sources. Not just sources that Tse and others opine to be questionable. The University of Alberta motto, "Quaecumque vera" (Whatever things are true), reflects an important mission that must not be threatened by the whims of social and political activism.

BRAD RODU
Professor of Medicine
University of Louisville

Harm reduction, not anti-smoking, should be our message

I would like to commend Chloé Fedio for the most accurate, best written recent article about my research on the potential of smokeless tobacco (ST) as a reduced-harm substitute for smoking (Re: "Researcher defends grant to study smokeless tobacco," 17 November). Few smokers are aware that if they cannot or will not quit, they can still get almost all the health benefit of quitting by changing to smokeless products, and Fedio and the Gateway have helped communicate this lifesaving message.

I was pleased to see anti-smoking activist Les Hagen express support for the harm-reduction message. Hagen is correct that pharmaceutical products are another possible source of nicotine, and I address that in my research. However, existing products are more expensive than ST and do not provide the psychoactive effects as effectively.

Moreover, there is no evidence pharmaceutical products improve upon the very low risks from ST, or that large numbers of people will use them (in contrast with ST, which has substantially displaced smoking among Swedish men). Pharmaceutical products are used primarily to wean people off of nic-

otine entirely and, unfortunately, fall more than 90 per cent of the time.

Hagen claims that research on ST "is limiting research on other nicotine alternatives," though it is difficult to see how this could be, given that pharmaceutical companies' research and promotional grants dwarf those related to ST. No one should lose sleep worrying that Big Pharma's voice will not be heard. However, limiting research on certain topics does seem to be the goal of those who assert (without any empirical support or logical argument) that a university should not take unrestricted funding from one particular source.

Finally, the editorial by Iris Tse on Tuesday ("Where there's smoke, there's questionable funding," 15 November) was a perfect example of how anti-tobacco activists have successfully hidden the truth about harm reduction.

Tse did a bit of research, concluding that ST creates a substantial health hazard (even as a science student, she never found the clear evidence to the contrary) and that my position on harm reduction is rather novel (though many experts have been proposing it for years). Tse could have done better research, but the greater blame lies with those who intentionally flood the popular media with inaccurate claims, making it unlikely that a layperson will find the truth.

DR CARL V. PHILLIPS
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Please think about where asshole comes from

Upon reading the title of this article I thought: "Oh no, not another one of these" (Re: Do your part—don't fuck asshole, 15 November). Thank you, Leah Anderson, for truly understanding that "It is better to judge than to think and to understand." You're seeing the problem, but not the person behind it.

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Hail President Lettner: Overlord for Life

Under the pretense of direct democracy, a flood of insane petition questions are endangering the integrity and effectiveness of Students' Council



ROSS
PRIUSAKOWSKI

From professors losing the battle of wits with smart classrooms, to the people who've had the pleasure of having an intimate conversation with the reflective doors of Campus library, there are moments of innocent humour to be had every day on campus.

But the force that has recently dominated the agenda and time of Students' Council is anything but. There's been a horde of petition questions asking students to support everything from \$2 beers in campus bars to paying the costs of a new building. The persistent attempts to put these questions on the ballot have been defended by claiming that students are exercising their right to direct democracy by presenting questions and making decisions on important issues.

Some of the proposals are definitely driven by that noble goal. However, the petitions and the direct democracy process they exploit can only end in one way for both students and the SU: tragedy. This doesn't mean that direct democracy doesn't have a place on campus, but it should be reserved for significant issues like the imposition of a universal bus pass, or creating and funding organizations like APUB or Student Legal Services.

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ment, questions like this ask voters to hold the hands of our elected officials and reassure them that we still support the business practices and policies they've put in place.

When referendums can cost more than \$2000—money that could be better spent on providing services and businesses that students want and need—there are better ways of trying to change the way the SU operates. Students' Council and the Executive Committee are elected to make tough decisions, and to settle on business practices and operating policies that lock beyond just the most popular choice and maximize the benefit each student can get from the organization.

If students are continually asked to vote on dull or implausible proposals—like demanding the SU to only charge \$2 for a pint of beer—it cheapens voting and the referendum process.

They shouldn't just exist to wait for the results of referenda and then implement the policy chosen by the majority of students. Instead, they should be allowed to be forward-looking bodies that can present ideas and work to improve and maintain the best SU possible for all students. This means council should be freed from its current legislative shackles, which require it to pass every question presented to it as long as it meets the drafter's intent and is legal, and be given the ability to veto proposed ref-

erendum and plebiscite questions.

However, as the veto would be more powerful than most of the other items council votes on, stringent guidelines like requiring a three-quarters majority and leaving the option to appeal to a DDE board—the independent judicial arm of the SU—must be included with its development. Student opinion would also have to keep in check the use of this veto—or notwithstanding clause for campus—much like public opinion and vigilance keeps governments from abusing the power in the political world, so that not only are they safeguarded from having to face ballots full of questions that are frivolous and harmful to the overall health of the SU, but also from dominance by council over what questions get on the ballot.

Even if the implementation of a veto is unpopular, there are other, less radical changes that can be adopted to reform the direct democracy process and avoid another year where it bogs down council. From requiring deposits for each question being drafted—something about to be approved—to increasing the minimum number of signatures needed to get the question on the ballot, other minor changes can be made to extricate council from its current existence as hollow body, much of whose existence is spent rubber stamping petition questions.

Direct democracy is enshrined in the provincial legislation governing students' unions, because allowing students to have a direct voice and way to express an opinion on questions of vital importance is important. However, until the current SU system is reformed, anyone looking for a good laugh should take in a Council meeting or two, and watch as the petition questions flow in. Then they should cry a little inside when a vote on making Graham Lettner our overlord for life is proposed—pending enough signatures, of course.

Money or leadership—I'll settle for either



MAUREEN
BRINKER

For a very long time, my small, naïve mind operated under the mistaken assumption that politicians were civil servants driven by a deep-seated desire to improve this dreary planet. Ottawa has shown me the error in my thinking. Silly me, to think that elected officials would work for the good of the electorate.

Now, I love tax cuts and I love free money. My expenses need subsidizing, and if the government is willing to hand it out, I'm gonna take it with a little "Please sir, may I have some more," when the tax man comes around; and 52 per cent of other Canadians in my tax bracket. Nonetheless, I am not a reformed liberal lover, nor am I a hardened, reserved Conservative. I just need money. In such uncertain times as these, money helps to sweeten my disposition. Like many Albertans, who forget about healthcare and education cuts as soon as King Ralph decides to roll out the rebate cheques, it seems most Canadians are more worried about their Christmas schedule and finances than peace and goodwill on earth.

Paul Martin has spent his entire life

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in the halls of Parliament. He's learned a few valuable lessons in the realm of politics—lessons like: when things go bad, Canadians can be bought. They can be distracted by political shiftnoses, so much so that explosive issues such as E coli-infected water on Native reserves, and bills involving the invasion of our privacy, pass by virtually unnoticed by most. Clearly, there are several small, naïve minds out there that are operating under the same mistaken assumption I was. Unfortunately, we've just been distracted with rebates and tax cuts while our trust and good faith in our civil servants are taken to the cleaners. This ain't gonna change that.

But the colourful strokes of the Canadian mint are always a welcoming sight to Canadians, even if it's a payoff to forget Germany. Canadians don't forget, we remember very well, in fact—we're just easily pacified. We have more important things to worry about—meeting tuition payments, rent payments, mortgage-sized student loan payments. Our responsibilities are stretched thin.

We elect leaders to look out for our best interests. But no one in Ottawa is doing that. Politics have become something of a business. There are marketers, writers, publicists, stylists and the beloved spin doctors who spin most of us into not caring. Parliament has become obsessed with dates and numbers. Meanwhile, our country is being neglected. An election producing another minority government will no doubt produce another election—and elections don't come cheap.

This seems like a Rocky fight: a nasty, painful and poorly acted bout of pride drawn out for as long as humanly possible. And, at times, it's even entertaining. You don't see Stephen Harper in a tight leather vest and cardboard cowboy hat everyday. But Ottawa isn't Hollywood. I don't pay taxes to be entertained. I pay more than enough at a movie theatre.

I just want more money for universities, social programs, a better healthcare system, and, well, my rent. It seems, however, that this is too much to ask. So until the problems with our political structure are fixed, I guess I'll settle for rent.

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MIKE
KENDRICK



With all the recent talk of an impending election, political discussion has been all the rage lately. And not just federal, either. There's something about election season that, much like the joyous spirit of the holidays, gets everyone in the mood for politicking.

Thumbing through last Monday's edition of *Dose* (for lack of any other newspapers, books or shampoo bottles within reach), I discovered that a mayoral candidate in Kamloops, BC is suggesting a rather eccentric public works program as part of his campaign platform. He says that the homeless should be encouraged to work, and should be offered jobs in various municipal tasks that are ordinarily deemed undesirable. The kicker? He wants to pay them in crack. The dude wants to provide hobos with illicit substances in exchange for collecting his garbage.

Now, there are several reasons why BC is not Alberta. Aside from obvious things like the name and geographic location, there are also differences like the proportion of rednecks and hippies, and average annual precipitation. And things like this proposal.

Likewise, there are several reasons

why this, at first glance, seems like a bad idea. I think it's rather safe to say that a plan like this is going to get voted down pretty quickly, not to mention there's a very good chance that buddy isn't going to be sitting behind the mayor's desk any time soon. There are plenty of residentially challenged people out there who don't need a hit on the old pipe to get through their day, and for those who do, crack isn't necessarily their flavour of choice. Needless to say, it's just not a very realistic plan.

But wait. Let's stop and play with the variables here. Let's put down the political correctness bludgeoning sticks and have a look at this. I'm no economist, but I really do think that, properly executed, this kind of concept could have some potential. Back in the days before Adam Smith and *The Wealth of Nations*, there wasn't currency, but commodity exchange. Markets weren't full of power-suit Wall Street yuppies, but the most swarthy of merchants hocking their wares in the local trade district.

If Alkibar wanted to get himself a tasty cheese wheel, he'd take one of his finest Nubian goats down to Bindeh & Danda's New Delhi Deli and barter himself some creamy gouda. When the serfs on Lord Strongbow's cider plantation had met their seasonal quotas, he paid them not in gold, but in breadcrumbs and vinegar, with extra helpings of cornmeal for the truly deserving. It's time to learn from our forefathers and adopt some of their principles into modern society.

Sure, feeding drug addicts may seem like a bad idea at first, but really, are you going to be able to stop thousands of already-addicted transients from smoking the wacky? Go ahead, try to take away your Rotweiler's favorite chew toy while it's between his iron jaws. Let me know how it went, 87 stitches and a neck brace later.

But there's no need to restrict ourselves to crack, and by regulating the goods, we not only control the Chlorex levels, thereby keeping healthcare costs lower, but hey, there's probably a good profit margin to be made from the federal taxation too. It's a common argument from the Marijuana Party pundits. And of course, we can't forget the potential for increased trade with our friends south of the equator in Colombia, as well as the increase in laboratory positions for all those failed chemistry majors.

Come to think of it, I think I'll run for office, and that's exactly why you should vote for me. While confounding at a first glance, I hope you've found my elaborate politicking both sensible and realistic. I promise you, I will bring work to the unemployed, sustenance for the starving, and a complementarily verbose shampoo bottle in the place of every *Dose* magazine in the city. When the election season hits us once more, remember the grin, folks. It's that winning smile that will ensure each of us has our very own crack machine shovelling our walks on the coldest of December mornings.

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Remember, just as the criminal is a monster of society, so is the asshole and the bitch. I must apologize for using such vagaries, but in the context it's necessary. Understand that every asshole or every bitch that doesn't respect the other sex does so out of pain.

Imagine that every guy you met that turned out to be a jerk had at least one similar experience. Now can you understand why some guys are assholes and similarly why some girls are bitches? The sooner we (as a student body) stop spreading hate literature about each sex and stop degrading each other, the equality movement might take a step forward.

Ladies, if you want guys to stop being jerks, then treat them with respect and understanding. Men, if you want girls to stop being bitches, do the same.

DAN COFFAS
Science 1

Boutlier dodged the issues

As a part of the Science and Policy seminar series, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Mr Guy Boutlier, was on campus Tuesday evening to discuss the influence of science on policy. He displayed some fancy footwork as he two-stepped around every environmental issue raised, talking lots and saying little.

The Minister was asked what the most important environmental issues Alberta will face in the next 30 years are, and how we can be proactive, rather than reactive, in dealing with them. His answer was long and convoluted: something about talking to experts, nothing about air or water quality, habitat loss and deforestation or greenhouse gases, and ending with "waiting for a report." Well, Mr Boutlier, you were just in a room with over 25 experts in environmental sciences, researchers in everything from ecology to environmental chemistry. Pass me that whiteboard marker. We'll brainstorm, and between

everyone in the room I bet we could come up with those issues in half an hour. You need it in a report? I'll go home, type it up, print it on fancy paper, and have it on your desk by Monday.

The Minister repeatedly spoke of finding answers and technological solutions to our problems. This is the "science" half of policy and science, and it's already being done by the very scientists he was speaking to. It is the "policy" part of the equation that's missing. Mr Boutlier said that he would feel his job was done when he could convince the "most red-neck" conservative on council to drive a smart car. No. Your job will be done when you get legislation in place that stops that "red-neck" conservative from letting his buddies dump effluent in our waterways, or march through our forests as though it's their God-given right.

Your heart may be in the right place, Minister, but that won't get your job done properly. The environment needs a "fighter", not a "lover" someone who will support the rights for babies to kiss and put some serious policy into place.

MELISSA TESCHIE
BSc Education 1

Smart cars aren't enough

Environment minister Guy Boutlier is a great politician, passionate speaker and has some very progressive ideas about the environment. He drives a smart car! It's a paradox that he represents the Conservatives in the oil-dominated region of Wood Buffalo. From his talk Tuesday, I feel his policies may be better suited to Scandinavian countries than his home constituency of Ft. MacLeod Wood Buffalo.

Throughout his presentation, Boutlier focused on the positive environmental programs of Sweden, including their waste management systems, and hoped for similar initiatives in Canada. And, while Alberta shares in similar oil wealth of the Scandinavian countries, Boutlier's

dreams won't be accomplished in Alberta through his own party.

This is because many years ago, Sweden chose to invest in sustainable and environmentally friendly infrastructure. Alberta shows few signs of investing in an environmentally sustainable future. By choosing to passively endorse, or heavily invest in, greenhouse-gas-producing investments such as the \$30 billion CNR line, the ring-road through Edmonton suburbia and the Mackenzie Valley pipeline, the Conservatives have demonstrated that, despite Boutlier's promise of the environmental environment, our province's leaders show no commitment to either Kyoto or renewable energy alternatives, but instead to a snowless and iceless future.

The government is demonstrating considerable inaction towards sustainable development by refusing to invest in renewable energy programs, choosing not to subsidize clean energy or public transport or cooperate in environmental agreements such as the Kyoto agreements, which even Boutlier agreed was inadequate to the scope of the problem. Until serious commitments to Alberta's environmental future are made by Minister Boutlier's party, his vision of sustainable development may be another waf of hot air that has floated south from Ft. McMurray.

DAN SLAVIK
Native Studies IV

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Don Horwood vs Canada West refs

Long-time Golden Bears basketball head coach Don Horwood receives two-game suspension for ongoing battle with local referee

CHRIS O'LEARY
Sports Editor

He's seen his teams play on courts across the country and the world, but this weekend will mark the first time that Golden Bears basketball head coach Don Horwood will have to listen to his team play on the radio.

The 23-year coaching vet has received a two-game suspension for his conduct in a game on 12 November against Calgary in the Main Gym, where he was ejected late in the second half of the match when he received his second technical foul of the game, and the third of a season that's still in its infantile stages.

"I thought the suspension was fair," Horwood said on Monday. "I believe I overstepped the lines, I got out of control and I let my emotions get the better of me. I don't have any argument regarding the suspension. I'm sorry it happened, that I didn't control my emotions more, but that's life. Sometimes that happens."

Horwood has been vocal about the treatment his team has received from Canada West officials since the start of the season. His complaints came to a head after he was ejected from the Calgary game, and he apparently brought his concerns to the game's officials; something that CIS rules prohibit. What exactly happened after the game has proven difficult to determine.

"He got two technical fouls, and he was asked to leave the gym. For that, you don't get a suspension, you get a warning," explained Dale Schulha, the University's athletics director. "There were some things that happened after [the game] and that's all I'm prepared to say on that."

Whatever happened in the post-game, it stems from the sour relationship that exists between Horwood and a referee who has called Bears

games for years. The official was the one who not only tossed Horwood from the game on 12 November, but who also gave him all three of his technical fouls this season. While Horwood said that Canada West rules prohibit him from discussing the league's referees, the Bears themselves had a lot to say.

"Obviously, there's been issues between [the referee] and Coach, that's apparent," Bears' forward Phil Sudol commented. "What we feel as a team is that [the ref] has an emotion to it when he should be indifferent. He's been refing us for so long, he knows how we act, and I think he tries to control us personally, not the game or the players, but us personally. It seems like he gets personal with it, almost. That's how it seems, I don't know if it's true, but that's the feeling we have."

Horwood has long said that the conference's officials aren't moved around enough, which, in turn, hurts the quality of the officiating that the Bears receive. While Schulha wouldn't agree outright with Horwood's assessment, he admitted that having well-travelled officials never hurts the game in question.

"In all of our sports, I think a rotation of officials is healthy, whether it's football, volleyball or basketball. I would endorse moving officials around, there's no question about that," he said.

While Horwood will have some time to think about his approach to the game when he's not with his team this weekend at Trinity Western University, he's hoping that administration changes for future Bears home games will make a difference.

"This is going to affect some things. It may affect the administration of our home games, which I haven't discussed yet with [Dale Schulha]," he said. "I have some ideas. Changes



SILENCED? Bears head coach Don Horwood will have to watch what he says in future games. FILE PHOTO: PATRICK FINLAY

need to be made. It's not about who refs the game, but who watches the game."

A Bears player who spoke on the condition of anonymity reiterated his coach's ideas, and expressed his irritation with the lack of parity that currently exists among Canada West's refs.

"One of the biggest problems I have with the refs right now is that they judge themselves. It's

refs judging other refs to see who's good and who's not. It's basically just a group of friends who say: 'I like this guy the best. I don't care about his refing ability.' There's no check, there's no balance for it, I can't stand that. There should be some kind of balance where the coaches can say more, or the coaches choose who refs them. There's nothing like that, which is outrageous."

Cougars make the Bears hockey team work for the sweep

TREVOR PHILLIPS
Sports Writer

After coasting to an 8-1 victory over the Regina Cougars Friday night, a win that halted a three-game winless skid, the Golden Bears hockey team found themselves in a very mechanical and frustrating battle the very next night that needed extra time to be resolved.

Fortunately for the Bears, fifth-year defenceman Chris Ovington scored his second goal of the season, and of the game, on a bullet from the point 1:23 into overtime, giving the Bears a 5-4 win and a sweep of the two-game weekend series, extending their home winning streak against Regina to 20.

"This is a frustrating team to play against; they like to ice the puck and slow the pace, but we knew if we were patient, we would be successful," said head coach Eric Thurston of his team's approach to a game that saw a pesky Cougar squad hold a 3-1 lead, despite being out-shot 16-7 and being dominated in the face-off circle.

The Cougars were enjoying the benefits of a trap-like defensive style and were out-shooting the Bears 5-3 when Thurston put out the line of Jonathan Hobson, Richard Hamula and Lee Zalasky to create some offensive production. Hobson drew a penalty on a shift that was full of energy and scoring chances, and on the ensuing powerplay, fourth-year forward Justin Wallin scored his third goal of the season. This seemed to spark the Bears, as they went on to outshoot Regina 9-2 after a second-period timeout and developed an intelligent pack-pursuit philosophy to break the Cougars' trap.

"Chip with support," said Thurston. "We needed to have support down low to gain the zone and set up the offence to get shots on [Regina goalie] Clint Chalmers."



BRICK WALL Cougars goalie Clint Chalmers gets ready to make one of his many saves. The Bears downed the Cougars 5-4 in overtime Saturday night. MARCUS BENCE

Regina's third-year "keeper made 38 saves on the night and was almost unbeatable until a weak goal by Bears forward Dylan Stanley cut the Regina lead to 4-3 at 7:21 of the third period.

Thurston shifted his lines to capitalize on the shift in momentum, including replacing goalie Blake Grenier, who had made six saves on ten shots, with Aaron Sorochan, who stopped all eight shots he faced to get the win.

"It's a tough situation for Blake; trying to main-

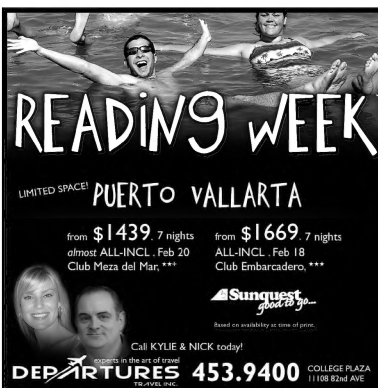
tain your focus is difficult," Thurston said.

With all the lines rolling and the Bears having constant pressure for the remainder of the game, it seemed almost fitting that Saturday's game would go to overtime. Second-year Bears winger Ben Kilgour made it so at the 9:19 mark of the third period.

For the entire overtime session, the Bears were in the Cougars zone. Ovington's first shot on goal in OT made up for an earlier puck-

handling miscue that led to Regina's fourth goal, as he blasted a rocket from the right point over a partially screened Chalmers' glove hand.

The weekend wins improve the Bears to 6-3-1 in Canada West play and slide them into first place in the Mountain Division. The Bears will head out to the Pacific coast this coming weekend to play the UBC Thunderbirds, who will be coming off a bye week and be looking to push for first place as well.



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Coming into this season as the reigning CIS champs and a number of new faces on the roster, including a new head coach, it was apparent that this was going to be a very different Golden Bears squad than had been seen in these parts in many years. However, the first third of the regular season has been more of a struggle than even the most pessimistic would have predicted for a program that has dominated CIS hockey for the better part of the last decade.

Thanks to a weekend sweep of the Regina Cougars, Alberta improved to 6-3-1 and clawed their way past Calgary into third spot in Canada West. Yet, the Bears are still looking to regain the explosive offence that's been their trait in the past, a search that's been delayed as their younger players struggle to adjust to their new roles, and by the odd hiccup associated with new head coach Eric Thurston learning the ropes behind the bench.

"I don't know if difficult is the right phrase ... it's been an adjustment," said Thurston, who made the leap from assistant to head coach when Rob Daum went south to take the helm for the Houston Aeros of the American Hockey League. "You're viewed a little bit differently among the players, in that where they knew you before as the in-between and go-between guy, and it

takes a while to establish yourself."

"It's also taken a while for me to get comfortable with things and to be able to mature as a head coach—and obviously that's not going to happen overnight," he said outside of a jubilant dressing room after the Bears dispatched Regina 8-1 on Friday night. "I've had a lot of help from the leadership in our dressing room: from [Gavin] McLeod, [Chris] Ovington, and [Justin] Wallin, who have really helped me out."

"It's such a tough thing ... [removing Robertson] was by far the toughest thing I ever had to do."

ERIC THURSTON
BEARS HOCKEY COACH

That leadership has been essential for the whole team after a rough start to the season that has seen more players in the sick bay than at practice, and the Bears knocked from the top spot in the CIS rankings for more than a week for the first time since the start of 2002/03.

The veteran presence has also been crucial in keeping the team on an even keel and supportive of Thurston after he made two controversial decisions,

in where he cut fifth-year defence-man Brent Robertson for skipping a practice. Thurston then rearranged the locker room to break up a clique.

"It's such a tough thing ... [removing Robertson] was by far the toughest thing I ever had to do," said Thurston. "He'd been with these guys for years, and I know he loves and respects his teammates, but it was just something that I had to do as a head coach to make sure we had everybody going in the same direction, and I think [the players] understand it, because they realize the importance of commitment and of sacrifice."

"It's pretty tough to see a guy that's a great friend and been a great teammate for three, four years. Obviously, it's a coach's decision, and he's the guy that has to make the tough decisions and we've just got to back him up no matter what," said Bears captain and fifth-year defence-man McLeod. "Thurston's his own man, and he's got a [different] way of doing things [than Daum] and how he wants to run the team and guys just have to get used to that, accept it and be ready to go everyday at practice and every game."

With just a third of the season gone, there are still a lot of opportunities for the Bears to regain their preminent place in university hockey, something that can't be done unless they continue to mature and Thurston settles in at the top.

Gateway's picks for the NBA's biggest stories in 2005/06



CHRIS O'LEARY
& PAUL OWEN

Sports
Commentary

We are now ten games into the NBA's 53rd season, and there are already major surprises (the LA Clippers), disappointments (the Knicks) and embarrassments (the Raptors). Gateway sports writers Chris O'Leary and Paul Owen sat down and dished on what they thought are and will be the biggest stories of the 2005/06 season.

RonArtest

The image of Artest's stretched-out, beer-soaked jersey from last November in Detroit is one the NBA will never be able to get rid of. The League responded swiftly, doling out record punishments, with Artest rightfully catching the worst of NBA commissioner David Stern's wrath: a full-season suspension. If Artest were just a crazy, fan-assaulting shooting guard who scored a bucket a game, he'd just end up as fodder for future episodes of *Stump the Schwab*. Instead, he's arguably the NBA's most versatile player, who's just as valuable on offense as he is on D. He's the only player in the league who can shut down Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter and Tracy McGrady in the same week while averaging 20-plus points doing it.

The best part of the return of Ron Artest is that he's still Ron Artest. He's said none of the right things, claiming that anyone would react the way he did if they were in his situation last

year; he's said that he's going to be just as volatile and just as much, well, Ron Artest, as he ever was. Artest is both the Indiana Pacers' most valuable player and their biggest liability. Every Pacers' game this season could be the one that he solidifies his spot in NBA history as one or the other.

PhilandKobe

Just one season after being given the boot by the Los Angeles Lakers, Phil Jackson is back as their head coach. A casualty of the team's internal power struggles after losing in five games to the Detroit Pistons in the 2003 NBA Finals, Jackson was jettisoned in favour of keeping superstar Kobe Bryant happy and playing in a Lakers uni.

"Bryant ... fuels his desire to win by taking every little slight against him personally and working almost fanatically on his game to prove his detractors wrong."

A lacklustre 34-48 season proved that Bryant could in fact drive a championship-calibre team into the ground while alienating the media, his teammates and his ex-teammates—he accused Shaq of adultery and Karl Malone of hitting on his wife, who he himself supposedly cheated on as the impetus for his rape trial—while averaging 27 points per game and missing

more shots than a squadron of storm troopers. It also served to send the Lakers' management running back to Zen Master Jackson, and offering him just short of \$10 million a year to right the ship that Kobe had sunk. Things should now be a little more comfortable at the Jackson house, considering he and his girlfriend Jeanie Buss have a fat \$10 million contract to count in their spare time.

That comfort will be difficult to translate onto the court, however, as Jackson vilified Kobe in his latest book: *The Last Season: A Team in Search of its Soul*. He called his number-one gunner "uncoachable," and indicated his dealings with the disgruntled superstar were a major reason he did not return to coach the Lakers when his contract expired. Bryant—one of the most competitive players in the NBA—fuels his desire to win by taking every little slight against him personally and working almost fanatically on his game to prove his detractors wrong. The biggest question now facing the Lakers is how will Jackson and Bryant co-exist when Jackson has lost the 7'1", 380-pound security blanket for his triangle offence and Kobe has to assume a Michael Jordan-esque role—something he has craved since he entered the league and a role that he feels should always have been his, in order to take the Lakers to a title. So far, the two have coexisted, but at some point, Jackson will tire of the team's sub-500 wins and Kobe's ridiculous 28.7 shots taken per game.

EddyCurry

The Eddy Curry situation turned into one of the most bizarre incidents heading into the new NBA season. Curry's

mysterious heart condition, which put him on the bench for the end of Chicago's season last year, was left a mystery, and Chicago refused him a contract unless he agreed to participate in a DNA test. Curry refused, and Chicago dealt him to New York, where his shortcomings (like his inability to rebound) will be under the world's biggest media microscope. While things have worked out okay thus far, the Knicks are still at the bottom of the barrel in the East, and at best Curry gives the Knicks a lazy, out-of-shape post that won't defend or rebound. At worst, Curry could be added to Hank Gathers and Reggie Lewis on the list of players who have died on the court because of the same heart ailment.

TheLA Clippers

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the young season has been the hot start from the less soap-operaic of the two Los Angeles teams, the LA Clippers. The Clips suffered through an early injury to Corey Maggette that cost him a couple games to start the year. The addition of Sam Cassell gives the Clips a floor leader and a player who wants the big shot, two things they sorely missed last season. He also gives young Shaun Livingston a mentor, and alleviates pressure from the 19-year-old's shoulders. Now they are 8-2 and sitting on top of their division and the Western conference. Thanks to the injury to Amare Stoudemire, Phoenix is not the same team, and Sacramento's window has clearly closed. The Pacific division looks just wide open enough for the Clippers, and their fellow perennial doormats the Golden State Warriors, to march into the top of the standings.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Compiled by Chris O'Leary

Pandasbasketball

The Pandas hardcourt team hasn't been able to leave their problems behind them yet. They travelled to Simon Fraser hoping to avenge the back-to-back blowouts they suffered at the hands of the Calgary Dinos the week prior. What they got, however, was more of what Calgary gave them. They lost to the reigning CIS champs on Friday by 24, then by 14 on Saturday. Despite the lopsided losses, first-year post player Maya Tecza enjoyed her first trip back to her home province as a Panda. She had 20 points and seven rebounds in Friday's game, then scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds after working her way into the starting lineup. The Pandas head back out to the coast this weekend to take on Trinity Western University.

Pandasvolleyball

Tawanna Wardlaw and recruit Tasha Holness had a great weekend in Calgary, as they and their Panda teammates picked up two impressive wins over their rivals to the south on Friday and Saturday night. Wardlaw stole the show on Friday, as she led the Pandas through a marathon first set against the Dinos, which Alberta won 37-35. The Pandas took the game three sets to one, with each set being decided by no more than three points. Wardlaw led the team with 16 kills and six digs.

Holness gave a solid performance through the weekend, as she racked up a total of 20 kills, twelve digs and a service ace over both games, good enough for U of A player of the week honours.



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Casey Laforet, guitarist for Toronto based three-piece Elliot Brood, sounds jet lagged over the phone, and with good reason. Armed with their banjo-driven style of folk rock dubbed "Death Country" and "blackgrass," the band has been parading around more exotic locales than most new Canadian bands. In this case, they've just returned from a brief tour of Europe.

"It was incredible," Laforet says. "We did most of our first shows in Holland, and the crowds there were just amazing. Because the mainstream music over there is definitely not even close to Americana, there's these pockets of people who find bands like us and really love them. A lot of the places we played, fans came from [far away] to see our shows. It's really cool; they know our music already, which is weird because some of them don't speak very good English."

But whether or not their fans all know proper grammar, Elliot Brood has managed to create a significant following after only having released one EP and a full-length album, *Ambassador*. Originally consisting of only Laforet and vocalist/banjoist Mark Sasso, they released the EP *Tin Type* before recruiting Stephen Pitkin to flesh out their sound with a percussion section. The improved line-up has certainly attracted the attention of other bands, as Elliot Brood recently opened for the renowned Canadian act Blue Rodeo.

"Blue Rodeo were offering these opening slots to up-and-coming bands they liked or had

heard of, and kudos to them for taking a few young bands under their wing," says Laforet. "A labelmate of ours did three of the dates, and Cliff the Duke also did three of them. We put in our request to do the shows through our booking agent, but [Blue Rodeo] made the final decision on it, and we got three dates ourselves."

Being chosen to open for such a famous act is an honour, but touring with such a prestigious band brings the band a whole new responsibility: pleasing the country group's wide and fanatic fan-base. "Blue Rodeo fans know what they like," says Laforet. "They're there for Blue Rodeo, and they know the words to all their songs. The one thing I was nervous about was communicating with the audience in hockey arenas. [Connecting] with the audience is a big part of our live show. We're very chatty with the audience when we're playing small bars, talking to the people in the crowd and hopefully getting them to talk to us. We actually managed to pull it off successfully, though. We picked out some people in the first few rows and started talking to them, and suddenly it's like you're sitting in a little bar again. That made it really comfortable for us."

With so much frantic touring going on, Laforet admits there's very little time to go about recording new material, although laying down some new tracks is something they hope to fit in to their hectic schedule of live performances.

"We definitely want to sit down and record some more," Laforet says. "But right now we're busy with touring. Hopefully we'll get back to Europe in the spring for a couple of weeks. This European trip was all about laying the ground for coming back. We lost a bit of money going over there, but we see it as an investment to be able to go back again, and to play to more people, hopefully the word gets spread."

Electric music scene hits Whyte with Brit DJ Andy C

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Arts & Entertainment Writer

British DJ Andy C—known as "The Executioner" for the way he executes fast beats and finely tuned mixes that move all-night dance parties—may be a relatively established DJ within the electronic music community, but it doesn't take much to make this drum and bass star feel like a relative newcomer.

"I've been playing in front of crowds and producing music since I was 14 years old, and I know I'll never get sick of it," says the DJ born Andrew Clark. "Yet, comparatively, I'm young in the London scene. When I first started, guys like Carl Cox and Grooverider had been DJing for upwards of ten years, and they're still traveling the world to play for people."

Andy's reputation amongst the fans of drum and bass electronic music has been greatly influenced by his positive attitude. While there may be a few DJs out there that rival his turntable skills, Andy consistently ranked among the top drum and bass DJs year after year by not only offering high-calibre beats, but also by providing crowds with a special energy crucial to putting on a memorable set. For Andy, smiling, dancing and getting tuned in with the crowd are crucial elements of a performance.

"What can I say?" remarks Andy. "People have always enjoyed my attitude, and it's something I'm very proud of. I absolutely love what I do, and I wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world. Once I step up to those turntables, I don't care if I'm knackered from jet lag, hung-over or whatever, I am absolutely thankful and proud to be

able to give my fans the musical experience they are looking for night after night, city after city, no matter what country I'm in."

"I think a lot of people just don't give this music a chance. I can't understand why someone wouldn't want to go out to the club, grab a couple bevvies and go rip it up on the dance floor."

ANDY C

While he's in Canada, however, Andy will have to face ticket-buyers who may not be as familiar with the up-tempo beats of drum and bass music. While this style of music is extremely popular with select groups of music aficionados and within the European club community, Andy is aware that he faces the challenge of appealing to the general public—a group that may need to be convinced to drop their standard club remixes in favour of Andy's beats.

"I think a lot of people just don't give this music a chance. I can't understand why someone wouldn't want to go out to the club, grab a couple bevvies and go rip it up on the dance floor. I have so much respect for the local DJs, promoters and people with a passion for drum and bass that keep spreading the sound to let the scene grow. They're spreading a sound that not everyone is going to accept, but at the same time, the people who do hear this music and give it a chance usually really enjoy it. It's a style that I think really brings people together worldwide; it's beyond any certain language and it's a lot of

fun."

For those yearning for a taste of European electronic music, the live experience is going to be only a bus ride away. But for those concerned that an Edmonton show can't rival the club experience in London or other overseas hotspots, don't count out the groove of our city just yet. According to Andy, a show here can be just as revved-up as one anywhere else.

"I always have a blast when I perform in Canada, but I never realized how much there was to offer in the West. The shows might not be as big as in Toronto or Vancouver, but I'm telling you the vibe is always tight," says Andy, declaring that playing clubs and moving crowds with his beats is a job he'll hang on to for quite a while. "As far as I'm concerned I'll be doing this until something stops me, because I'll never choose to quit."



Explosive issues in *Paradise Now*

Paradise Now

Directed by Hany Abu-Assad
Starring Kais Nashif, Ali Suliman and Lubna Azabal
Opens 25 November

TONY SANTIN
Arts & Entertainment Staff

In the Middle East, politics are never far from daily life. Every day in Palestine, for example, the reality of Israeli occupation and resulting checkpoints and army raids confront those who live there, forcing many to view their options as either living with this reality, or violently fighting against it. In Hany Abu-Assad's *Paradise Now*, this grim choice is brought urgently to the forefront, but also shows that there is more to the crisis in the Middle East than what TV might tell us.

Palestine's official Oscar entry for best foreign film, *Paradise Now* starts with Said (Kais Nashif) and his life-long friend Khaled (Ali Suliman), both of whom work at a run-down garage in the West Bank town of Nablus. Apart from a potential love interest for Said in the form of a customer named Suha (Lubna Azabal), life is stagnant for them; there's little potential for change, and not much hope of it, either.

That is, until a recruiter from a militant group approaches Said after work to take part in a "martyrdom operation." Soon, both he and Khaled are being fitted with explosives and preparing to cross into Israel to carry out a deadly mission. But the mission is derailed after they are spotted by an Israeli army patrol. Although Khaled makes it back to safety, Said is still at large. With the militants fearing a betrayal, the race is on for Khaled to find Said before it is too late.

Although the first few scenes of the film betray little of the eventual direction of the plot, once the main characters have their bomb belts strapped on, the pace picks up substantially. *Paradise Now* quickly becomes a tense, suspenseful story that makes every scene feel like it could be the last. There is a particularly dramatic scene when Said



and Suha have a close conversation in her car after his mission has gone awry. Although it appears to be a heart-to-heart moment not unlike any other from film, the fact that he is still wearing his explosives lends an urgency that is felt throughout the movie.

Politics, no surprise, are the main theme in the film. Even though it features a pair of Palestinians who are willing to die to liberate their homeland, it doesn't go so far as to glorify their actions. As a heated argument between Suha and Khaled as they search for Said shows, there are other options open to them instead of perpetuating a cycle of violence. The film is more about posing the big questions surrounding the conflict than taking a particular side.

For all of the contentious issues associated with the movie, however, the

characters are indeed more than mere shells included to advance the plot. Said, although uncertain about carrying out his mission at first, becomes resolute after discovering that his father had worked for the Israelis, adding depth to his decision to be a bomber. Khaled also adds an interesting view by initially dismissing Suha's ideas that Palestine can be liberated peacefully on the basis of her being foreign-educated and above the poverty line.

Hany Abu-Assad's *Paradise Now* is an engaging and suspenseful look at how the politics of the Middle East affect the common people, and what that means for the future of Palestine. Although it's a familiar topic for TV news and documentaries, this original look at the Palestinian dilemma is

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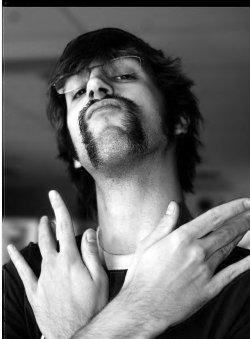
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There are no tougher critics than 13-year-old obsessed fangirls.

Specifically, 13-year-old fangirls who have been diligently parsing through the 734 pages of *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* since it came out five and a half years ago and can recite every single Potter fact in their sleep.

During the 15 seconds that I stood behind them as I exited *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire*, I heard such unflattering criticism from them that included the lack of screen time for Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) and the duplicitous Professor Snape (Alan Rickman) despite their major importance in both previous and later books, the complete omission of the library scene between Hermione (Emma Watson) and Viktor (Stanislav Ianevski), no mentioning of Hermione's elves' rights group SPEW, Cedric Diggory's (Robert Pattinson) unruly eyebrows, the over-the-top twichy Barry Cough Jr (David Tennant) and not enough Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton).

Oh, and they were also really peeved that Hermione's dress is pink instead of blue.

While many moviegoers will not share their similar disdain towards the pink dress or the lack of attention given to certain characters and subplots, most would agree that both Harry and his friends are growing up. Their metamorphoses—made even more apparent by the rampant teenage angst, awkward flirtations and schoolyard confrontations peppered throughout the movie—do indeed play a large role in the film. And, along with the kids, the franchise itself is getting older. With the film opening with a murder, there is little doubt that this scarier and darker installment earns its PG-13 rating.

As with all Harry Potter movies, the storyline is no doubt familiar to most moviegoers. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) returned to Hogwarts for his fourth year and, to the dismay of all muggle PTA members, he and a few visiting students from wizarding schools around the world are to compete in the Triwizard Tournament—an obscenely challenging and dangerous competition that tests the skills and character of all participants. The plot came with few surprises, but that didn't make the eventual death of a likeable character, or Voldemort's rise, any less chilling.

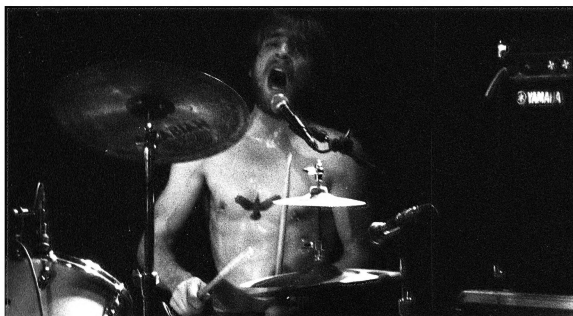
What the movie lacks in plot twists, however, it certainly makes up for in cinematography. The lush Hogwarts grounds and the magnificently intricate castle are once again realized across the big screen. Though the quickdash scenes regrettably end prematurely, each of the Triwizard Tournament tasks provide ample excitement and suspense

with digitally enhanced dragons and menacing mermaids. The location and the mood of the graveyard scene is especially befitting of the Nazi-esque deathgathering and climactic appearance of Voldemort.

Surprisingly, the aforementioned 13-year-olds, who were mostly correct in their observations, did not point out the one obvious flaw of the movie: Emma Watson as Hermione Granger. It was truly painful to see Watson "act." Her stilted delivery of her last line in the movie mars an otherwise poignant scene and her angry exchange with Ron at the end of an interschool ball—a scene, that made perfect sense in the book—was so poorly delivered amidst her hysterical meltdown that it might as well have been left on the cutting room floor.

However, most of the performances lived up to the high standards expected from Potter films, most notably Ralph Fiennes as the newly arisen Lord Voldemort. Fiennes, once more proving that he is at his most brilliant when he's playing the villain, is eerily intense as he exudes both grace and ferocious vengeance.

In keeping with tradition, director Mike Newell and company have avoided most of the pitfalls associated with movie adaptations. With judicious editing, Newell managed to make the novel into a 150-minute film of dense, powerful storytelling. The 13-year-old critics might be accurate in that *Goblet of Fire* isn't a strict book-to-screen movie, but despite its omitted elements, it's still the best Potter flick yet.



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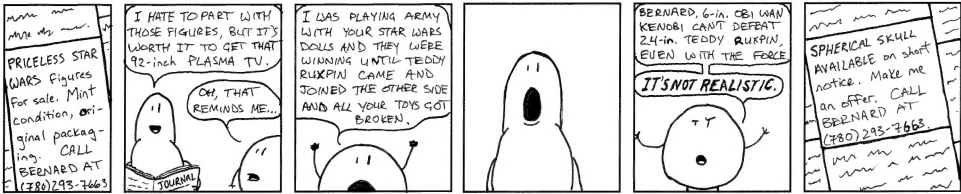
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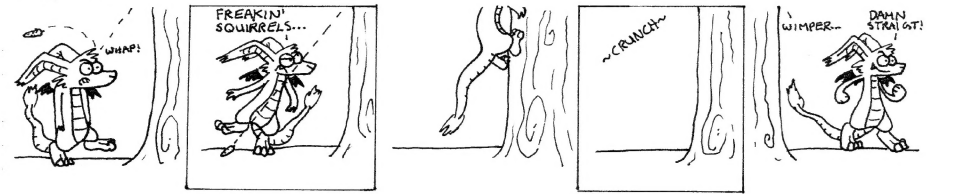
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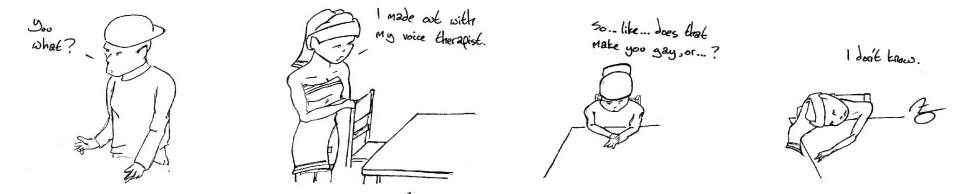
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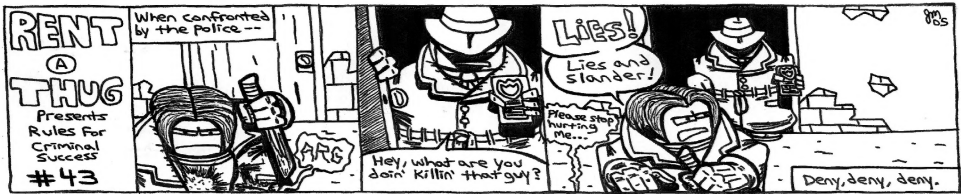
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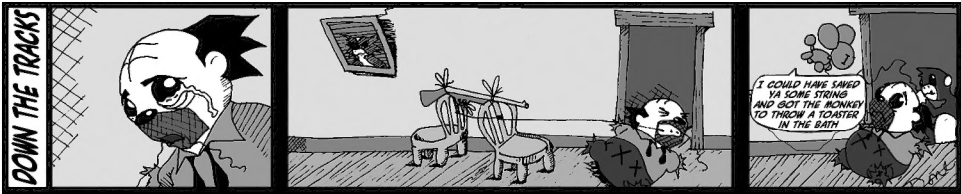
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We're actually aiming for the world's worst mixtape. However, there's no point in making a mixtape if we're not going to play it; the point of making the world's worst mixtape is that it's entirely unpleasant to listen to it in its entirety. So, instead of bickering amongst ourselves or initiating another lengthy, gender-discriminating moustache contest, we've decided to let the campus decide which of us do you want to see suffering through these 20 songs, or basically, which of us you hate the most.

For \$2 per ballot, the editor of your choice, or "winner," will be rewarded with the task of wandering around the campus, carrying a boombox playing all 20 songs. You are welcomed to point, snicker, and take embarrassing pictures as the editor walks past you. Sweet, huh? In addition, part of the proceeds will go towards the Campus Food Bank, so we're not doing this just to prove our ability to make craptastic mixtapes.

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